

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 9-28 have been cancelled. Claims 3, 4 and 6-8 have been amended for matters of form and/or to change their dependency. Claim 6 has also been amended to incorporate limitations from the specification at page 5, lines 9-11. A version with markings showing changes made is attached. Claims 29-47 have been added. Claims 29-33 contain limitations from original claims 1 and 2 and from the specification at page 9, lines 4 and 8, and Tables 1-3 set forth at pages 11-13. Claims 34, 35 and 43-45 contain limitations from original claim 6 and from the specification at page 5, lines 9-12. Claim 36 contains limitations from the specification at page 4, lines 22-23. Claims 37, 46 and 47 contain limitations from original claim 7 and from the specification at page 6, lines 4-6. Claims 38-42 contain limitations from original claims 1 and 5 and from the specification at page 9, lines 4 and 8, and Tables 1-3 set forth at pages 11-13. Since these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

The title is amended as follows:

DIETARY COMPOSITIONS [AND METHODS]

Claims 3, 4, 6-8 are amended as follows:

3. (Amended) A dietary composition according to claim 29 [2], wherein the phytoestrogen comprises an isoflavone, lignan, coumestan, resorcylic acid lactone, or mixtures thereof.

4. (Amended) A dietary composition according to claim 29 [2], wherein the phytoestrogen or phytoandrogen is derived from soy bean or flax seed, or protein products thereof.

6. (Amended) A dietary composition according to claim 29 [1], wherein the mammal food base comprises a food of animal origin, a food of plant origin [a cereal, a starch, other cellulosic material,] or mixtures thereof.

7. (Amended) A dietary composition according to claim 29 [1], comprising from about 0.001 to about 10 weight percent, based on the weight of the composition, of phytoestrogen, phytoandrogen, or a mixture thereof.

8. (Amended) A dietary composition according to claim 29 [1], wherein the phytoestrogen comprises daidzin, genistin, daidzein, genistein or coumesterol.